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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 23, 2004, Applicant, without traverse, elects claims 8-20 and 30-39 (Group II). Applicant respectfully cancels the remaining claims without prejudice, and reserves the right to reintroduce them in a divisional application. Applicant also respectfully requests that the amendment below be entered prior to examination of the patent application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this Response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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